

Application No.: 09/387,857

Docket No.: 21776-00039-US

REMARKS

Claims 32-35 have been cancelled. Claim 36 has been amended. Claims 28-31, 36-42, 44 and 45 are presently pending in the application. Claims 28-31, 38-42, 44 and 45 have been allowed. The only remaining claims in the case which are not allowed are claims 36 and 37 (which depends on claim 36). Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21776-00039-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final, in that it raises no new issues, but merely places the claim 36 in a form more clearly patentable over the references of record, and overcome the sole remaining rejection in the case. In the alternative, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final in that it reduces the issues for appeal.

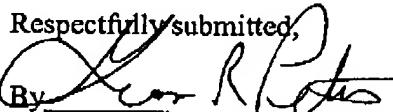
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

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